

incremental pre-set positions applied upon the compliant material by the respective first and second connector portions.

11. (Amended) A sealable connector, comprising:

- a cup shaped body defining a cavity, the body having a bottom surface;
- a cap adapted to engage the body cavity;
- an aperture in the cap, the aperture adapted to receive a contact terminal;
- a compliant material disposed between the body and the cap; and
- a fastening mechanism that secures the body to the cap, such that a force applied upon the compliant material by the body and the cap can be adjusted in incremental pre-set positions.

13. (Amended) A sealable connector, comprising:

- a cup shaped body defining a cavity, the body having a bottom surface;
- a cap adapted to engage the body cavity, the cap including an aperture;
- a contact terminal adapted to extend from the body bottom surface, the contact terminal adapted to align with, and pass through, the aperture;
- a compliant material disposed between the body and the cap; and
- means for maintaining a consistent pressure on the compliant material and for adjusting the pressure in incremental pre-set positions, such that the compliant material maintains a substantial seal between the cap and the body.

14. (Amended) A sealable connector, comprising:

- a cup shaped body defining a cavity, the body having a bottom surface;
- a cap adapted to engage the body cavity;
- a plurality of apertures in the cap, the apertures adapted to receive a plurality of contact terminals;
- a compliant material disposed between the body and the cap; and
- a fastening mechanism that secures the body to the cap such that a force applied upon the compliant material by the body and the cap can be adjusted in incremental pre-set positions.

Please add new claim 15 as follows.

--15. A sealable connector, comprising:

- a first connector portion;
- a second connector portion adapted to engage the first connector portion;
- a compliant material disposed between the first and second connector portions; and

an adjustable fastening mechanism that secures the first connector portion to the second connector portion and exerts a force on the compliant material, the fastening mechanism including means for adjusting the force in incremental pre-set positions.--